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On October 24th, at Shanghai, LAURENCE CHARLES BLOD EDMONDTON, to ISABELLA BRAID.

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The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, OCTOBER 29TH, 1907

The Tientsin post office question is not settled yet, although there has been an announcement of some arrangement between the Tientsin Chamber of Commerce and the Hongkong Government. The question whether the British Post Office at Tientsin is to be continued is now, however, only a part of a much larger question. Apparently it has now to be decided whether all the foreign post offices in the treaty ports are to go or stay. The Yuchuanpu, or Ministry of Posts and Communications, seems to be going to work with considerable energy to demonstrate that the Chinese Imperial Post Office is capable and anxious to cope with all the mail matter within the Empire. From Tientsin comes a report that orders have been issued to forbid Chinese railways conveying any mails that have not been sent through the Chinese Imperial Post Office, with the one exception of foreign naval and military mails. This is a drastic step indeed, and will probably appear too abrupt and unceremonious to obtain the approval of the Powers. We have no

doubt that it will be strongly denounced as a blow deliberately aimed at foreign prestige. It has already been labelled by one contemporary as "an unfriendly act." This view is, or was, not shared by the foreign official of the Customs who prepared an excellent review of the amazing progress of the postal department, which review was copiously quoted in our columns. Unable to lay our hands on the document at the moment, we distinctly remember that the view was therein expressed that the foreign post offices were no longer necessary, and might now be abandoned as a useless anomaly. That was a departmental view, inspired doubtless by a natural pride in the successful evolution of the C. I. P. O., and it would not be difficult to find arguments in support of it. The point at present is, however, to what extent has the foreign control (which has made it what it is) been submerged by the chauvinistic chiefs of the Yuchuanpu?

We expressed considerable nervousness a year ago at the detachment of the services from the control of the Customs, especially as there were plain signs then that the Chinese considered they were already in a position to dispense with foreign supervision and advice in this connection. Are we to take it that those fears were well founded, and that this extraordinary prohibition addressed to the railways is the cloven hoof? As we said before, the Chinese ambition to manage their own affairs is too natural to condemn offhand; but if their "vaulting ambition overleaps itself" to the extent of plainly transgressing treaties and promises, its manifestations will have to be closely scrutinized and sternly repressed where necessary. It cannot be denied that the Chinese Imperial Post has reached a state of efficiency, such as to make the foreign offices prima facie unnecessary; and there would be nothing more objectionable in having to put a ten-cent stamp on a London letter forwarded to Shanghai than there is in having to put two-pence-half-penny on a Hongkong letter re-posted in London for Paris. That however, is not the immediate concern. What is feared is that, as we suggested over three years ago, a policy of let-alone now may permit as a sequel a rapid reversion to the old system of corruption, sloth and procrastination, and, of course, inefficiency. At present, as both are conducted, the Chinese Post Office has nothing to learn from (say) the Hongkong Post Office, but would it not deteriorate if given the free hand it Chinese hands seem to desire? According as we are optimistic or pessimistic vis-à-vis that outlook, we will view the latest development, which, we have no doubt, will already have engaged the earnest attention of the China Association.

Yesterday H.M.S. "King Alfred" left for Mir Bay, where active preparations are being carried out for battle practice. Later the "Alacrity" will join the fleet there, and probably the "Clio," which is expected here shortly.

The plague totals at date are 234 cases, 226 deaths. During last week there were 70 cases of cholera and 23 deaths therewith. One was a Cingalese, the rest Chinese, and all were imported from Singapore. An American is reported ill of enteric fever.

An engagement has been arranged (and the wedding fixed for the 17th October) between Miss Gladys Emanuel, daughter of Mr. P. H. Emanuel, London, formerly of Hongkong, and Mr. John Grossman of Calcutta, who is a relation to Mr. Albert Howard of Hongkong.

The return of visitors to the City Hall Library and Museum for the week ending the 27th October, 1907, shows that of non-Chinese there were 355 to the Library and 131 to the Museum; and of Chinese 153 to the former and 2,376 to the latter. The Library was, therefore, used by 524 persons and the Museum by 2,506.

The Subsidiary Coinage Committee, composed of Hon. Mr. A. M. Thomson, Colonial Treasurer, (Chairman), Hon. Mr. E. Osborne, Hon. Mr. Wei Yuk, Messrs. J. Armstrong, D. R. Law, R. Shawan, A. J. Raymond, J. R. M. Smith and A. G. Wood, has ceased its deliberations after three meetings, and the report will be furnished to H.E. the Governor in due course.

At the meeting of the Sanitary Board to be held this afternoon, H.E. Mr. A. W. Brewin, Registrar-General, pursuant to notice will move "That the Government be requested to make rules under the Water Works Ordinance to regulate the placing of water tanks in back yards." Replies will also be read from the Government relative to the calling for tenders for cleansing and limwashing required by bylaw No. 5; relative to section 175 of the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance 1903, in respect of numbers 191 to 231, Station Street North, Mongkoktau; and in respect of Nos. 351 to 353, Queen's Road West, relative to section 189 of the same Ordinance in respect of certain houses in Ko Shing Street; and relative to a water tank in the yard of No. 88, Connaught Road West.

The foregoing information is all we have been able to get from the agents, Messrs. Shawan and Co. It is known, however, that the meeting, held in camera, was a result of considerable controversy. Enquiries in other well-informed sources elicit merely the assurance that "the trouble is over; the affair settled."

Advice from Peking state that China is inclined to settle amicably the Chientao boundary dispute by dispatching a higher official from Manchuria or Peking.

The Chinese Ministry of Posts and Communications is now considering ways and means to undertake the whole distribution of mails, both local and foreign, throughout the Empire, including taking over the work now being performed by the post office branches of the different treaty Powers.

Some of our lady readers may be interested to know that the millions' win lads at Alles-Bains are full of hats. To speak more correctly (says a writer in Truth), each window is full of a hat. "I saw one the other day which tempted me to ask the modiste to let me see how long it would take to walk round it. I wondered where I should see it again. I had not long to wait, for that same night I went to see 'Faust' at the Grand Opéra, and the hat came and sat down in front of me. The music was well rendered, but of the rest of the performance I knew nothing. If that hat went to the Valley of Chamoux, I doubt if any of the tourists would be able to see the Mont Blanc."

The fascinating game of "dodging the Customs" enjoys greater popularity in England than ever, judging by the annual report, issued by the Commissioners of His Majesty's Customs. During the past financial year the number of detected attempts to smuggle dutiable goods was the largest recorded since 1894-5. Nine years ago, in 1899, there was a total number of seizures of smuggled goods of all kinds of 3,225, and the penalties recovered amounted to £3,651. The seizures comprised 6,115 pounds of tobacco and cigars. The total number of seizures of smuggled goods of all kinds last year was 5,497, the penalties recovered amounting to £1,389, while the seizures comprised 11,222 pounds of tobacco and cigars.

At Shinokubo, a small village in Sohoku, Japan, consisting of only seventeen houses, several cases of robbery have lately occurred to the great alarm of the villagers. A diligent search instituted by them for the offenders proved an utter failure. The community, according to the writer of the "Ooh-Kochi" (Shinokubo in the "Japan Times," consequently held a mass meeting and unanimously agreed upon cursing the robber to death. "A virtuous priest of the locality was accordingly applied to for the purpose. He, however, declined to curse the robber to death, as it cost too much for a holy man like him to resort to, but promised that he would paralyse the robber by his powerful prayers, so as to disable him and lead him to repentance. Thus the priest, commissed his incantation. But, behold, the robber continued his subtle operations to the indignation of the entire community. The priest has been condemned as a worthless fellow, and the villagers have taken upon themselves the task of repairing every day to the village temple by twos and threes to offer horrible prayers by which the robber is doomed to an early and painful death."

The Peking Correspondent of the N.C. Daily News says that at the last moment, H.E. Vice-Viceroy Yang Shih-hsiang has received a telegram from the Luchuanpu (Ministry of War) concerning the proposed army manoeuvres of the 2nd and 4th divisions of Luchuan in Peiyang, pleading lack of funds; for the Peking Government can only allow the paltry sum of Tls. 30,000 for the entire expenditure. The sum offered would only cover about one-tenth of the cost, but the reason given by the military office at Tientsin is that the army of the 2nd and 4th divisions of Luchuan in Peiyang and Nanyang will be held in October 1903. Similar manoeuvres of the Luchuan at Nanking, the regiments of the 2nd and 4th Divisions will practise in the vicinity of their barracks and Tls. 100 have been allowed by Vice-Viceroy Yang for each regiment for the purpose. It is untrue that the Chinese authorities do not wish the foreign military officers to witness the manoeuvres.

CHINA PROVIDENTS.

At an Extraordinary General Meeting of the China Provident Loan and Mortgagage Co., Ltd, held on Saturday the 26th instant at 11 a.m., the following resolution was passed:

"That the General Managers be, and they hereby are, authorised to dispose of the 100,000 shares of and in the capital of the Company now remaining undisposed of or any part thereof in payment or part payment for assets to be hereafter acquired by the Company through the General Managers at such time and on such terms and conditions as the General Managers may, with the consent of the Consulting Committee, deem expedient, to the intent that the said shares or such portion thereof as shall be disposed of shall be held by the Vendor of the assets so to be acquired by the Company as aforesaid in satisfaction or part satisfaction for such assets, and to the further intent that under no circumstances shall the present shareholders of the Company or their Transferees be or become in any way liable to make any contribution to the Company in respect of the said 100,000 shares unless with the consent of the shareholders of the Company in General Meeting hereafter had obtained."

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## TELEGRAMS.

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MACAO-CANTON RAILWAY.

SANCTIONED BY PORTUGAL.

LONDON, October 28th.

Portugal authorises the construction of a railway from Macao to Canton.

[REUTER'S SERVICE.]

THE COMMERCIAL CRISIS IN THE UNITED STATES.

LONDON, October 26th.

New York reports that runs on the Banks and Trust Companies continue. There are six more suspensions, with small capitals but with the aggregate deposits of \$34,000,000.

The entire Cabinet, with the exception of Mr. Cortelyou has met at Washington to consider the situation. Mr. Cortelyou today deposited \$3,000,000 with the New York Banks. The large Savings Banks are enforcing 36 days notice of withdrawals, fearing a panic.

[N.C. Daily News Service.]

THE IMPERIAL MARITIME CUSTOMS.

SIGNIFICANT ACTION OF THE CHINA ASSOCIATION.

London, October 23rd.

The China Association has addressed a letter to the Foreign Office, dated September 27th, in which it lays emphasis upon the apparent intention of the Chinese to extend the substitution of Chinese for foreign employees in the Imperial Maritime Customs. Such a desire on the part of the Chinese, it states, is natural and right command sympathy, if the possibility of effecting the change without risk to the efficiency of the Service could be admitted; but as things are, it cannot be admitted. In the recent transformation of the higher offices in Peking there has been no sign of any improvement in financial methods permeating Chinese officials.

The Association proceeds to express apprehension concerning the report of the appointment of Sir Robert Broden in the place of Sir Robert Hart. It emphasizes the supreme importance to the welfare of the service that its Chief should possess the confidence and esteem of the Chinese Government, of the Foreign Legation and of the members of the service. It urges the danger, that a Chief lacking full measure of support would be obliged to yield to encroachments where the general welfare is concerned.

The Association urges, therefore, that there should be no delay in preventing the appointment, either temporarily or otherwise, of one who is not assured of the support of the British communities in China nor of that of the staff of the Imperial Maritime Customs.

For many years the withdrawal of Sir Robert Hart from the chief control of the Imperial Maritime Customs has played the same rôle for newspapers in the Far East that "trouble in the Spring" in Macedonia has usurped by tradition in the European Press. Both events are likely to come true in the long run, but, as it is the duty of those who seek to guide public opinion to prepare for all eventualities, they have no reason to be dissatisfied that circumstances, often by reason of their actual warnings, combine to fulfill their predictions from year to year. In the case of Sir Robert Hart, unfortunately, the oft-repeated announcement of his impending resignation of the Inspectorate-General seems only too near realization. As is known, the veteran Chief handed over the control of the Customs to his Deputy Inspector-General on leaving Peking for his summer holiday, and since his return the state of his health has not allowed him to resume formal command. It is hoped that Sir Robert Hart's actual departure for England may be postponed until next Spring; but it is clear that no time should be lost in settling definitively the question of the succession to the Inspectorate-General. At this stage it would be superfluous to speak of Sir Robert Hart's life-work; the father of the Imperial Maritime Customs, he has lived to see the service placed high in the rank of government institutions and to know that for all its virtues he may claim full credit. But as in the private affairs of individuals the moment arrives when it is better to entrust the management to a younger generation, so now it can be urged that the enormous ramifications of the Chinese Customs require a firmer grasp of the helm than the world has any right to expect to-day from Sir Robert Hart.

In the careers of all public men whose names are associated with prolonged service in one particular branch of State work there is always the danger that the temptation, from one cause or another, to retain the reins of power too long in their own hands may, owing to a few mistakes at the end, detract unjustly from the merit of their services as a whole. It is possible to find in the frequent references to the proximity of Sir Robert Hart's resignation an indication that he himself is shrewd enough to have realized this failing in the lives of other prominent men and has been anxious to avoid a similar fate. If such be the case, Sir Robert Hart deserves universal sympathy, for it is now a matter of common knowledge that the question of his own mind, as he is nominally responsible for his selection, and the minds of all who are interested in the welfare of the Customs Service. Uncertainty on this point has probably been the main factor in persuading Sir Robert Hart to retain the Inspectorate-General beyond the period when he could really do justice to the service or to himself. In its earlier stages when the proportions of the Maritime Customs were small enough to ensure the personal predilections of the Head being a fairly satisfactory guide to merit among his subordinates, promotion by favouritism may have presented no very genuine hardships. To-day the retention of such a procedure is worse than an anomaly, and the constant character in the service that seem to owe their origin solely to personal caprice are subversive of all discipline and good work. There is little doubt that the Maritime Customs has entered upon a critical stage in its

career. Internally there is dissatisfaction rampant, which finds expression in a general dislocation among the members to put forth their best efforts on behalf of the service.

Externally there is considerable alarm at the recent trend of events, which, it is held, must ultimately undermine the service to the prejudice not only of its efficiency, but also of its primary raison d'être, the security of the payment of the interest and redemption of foreign loans.

In these circumstances it is hardly a matter for surprise to find that the China Association which charges itself with the task of watching over British interest in the Far East, should call upon to address a most significant letter to the Foreign Office on the subject of a successor to Sir Robert Hart.

Threatened with disintegration from within and without, the Maritime Customs is urgent need of an Inspector-General who shall not only command the full respect of all his subordinates and have the ability and nerve to grapple with abuses honourably and disinterestedly, with a view to restore confidence and efficiency throughout the service; he must also be capable of maintaining a clear line of policy in the face of outside interference of which the aim is not to further China's legitimate rights, but solely to impair the honesty and efficiency of the Customs.

The China Association, instructed by Mr. G. E. Morell, from the Crown Solicitor's Office, prosecuted, Sir Henry Berkeley, K.C., who was instructed by Mr. R. D. Atkinson of Messrs. Deacon, Looker and Deacon, being retained for the defence.

The case for the prosecution having been closed on Friday,

Poor Bux the third defendant, went into the box and gave his version of the occurrence. On the day in question he saw a crowd of Chinese fighting with his two servants. He called to them to return and when they entered the house the Chinese threw stones, breaking several windows.

This attack was maintained for about three-quarters of an hour, by which time two Indian police returning from

## POLICE COURT.

Monday, 28th October.

BEFORE MR. F. A. HAZELAND (FIRST POLICE MAGISTRATE).

LARCENY.

A native who climbed over the wall of a godown in Connaught Road West was caught by a constable when departing with 30 catties of sugar in his possession. He was charged before his Worship with the larceny of the same, found guilty, and sentenced to three weeks' imprisonment and six hours' stocks.

BRIEFERY.

A young hawker and his wife, selling their wares in Centre Street on Sunday were stopped by a lungkan, who wished to examine their licences. Finding that the conditions of the woman's licence did not permit her to sell in that street he ordered her out of it. The husband gave him fifty cents to drink tea, and told him not to interfere with his wife. The lungkan took the money and the man to the police station, and the latter appeared before his Worship on the charge of bribery. He admitted handing over the money to square the matter, and was ordered to pay a fine of \$15, the alternative being one month imprisonment.

A DAY'S LEAVE.

Sunday Indian Police Constable 733, who is stationed at Yau Ma Tei, got a day's leave and went to Hung Hom where he met a friend, an ex-constable. It would appear that the pair had not met for sometime, for they continued for a long time drinking each other's health. Then they went for a stroll round the town and eventually entered the shop of a Chinese tailor. Here they quarrelled with the shop assistants, and, seizing a broom, the constable proceeded to demolish show cases, overturn machines and beat the folks. The second constable witnessed his friend indulging in this exercise, and when the latter had finished they went out into the street. A crowd of Chinese was there to meet them, and then the Indians were attacked, and were getting a rough handling when the police arrived and arrested them. The first defendant was fined \$10 and ordered to pay \$4 compensation, and the latter was fined \$5.

BEFORE MR. C. D. MELBOURNE (SECOND POLICE MAGISTRATE).

HAVING EXPLOSIVES WITHOUT A PERMIT. A native who had a box of detonators and a quantity of dynamite in his possession without a permit from the Captain Superintendent of Police was ordered by his Worship to pay a fine of \$100.

## MARINE MAGISTRATE'S COURT.

Monday, October 28th.

BEFORE COMMANDER BASIL R. H. TAYLOR, R.N. (MARINE MAGISTRATE).

THE "SHUN LEE" - "MARLOW" COLLISION. An inquiry was held before his Worship into the circumstances connected with the collision between the steam launch "Shun Lee" and the steam launch "Marlow," which occurred in the harbour on the 18th instant.

Tan Ping, coxswain of the "Marlow," said that on the morning of the 18th instant, he was towing a lighter from Tsimshau to Shatin. Off Kowloon Point he saw the "Shun Lee" on his port bow, coming from the direction of Yau Ma Tei. She was about six lengths away when she was seen, and witness ported his helm in order to keep out of her way. It was the "Shun Lee's" business to keep out of his way, but she came on and tried to cross his bows. He ran into her starboard side, amidships, as he could not reverse or ease his engines because of his tow. The "Shun Lee" ported just before the collision but did not attempt to reverse her engines, which were still going ahead, at the time of the collision.

The master of the "Shun Lee" said that at the time of the collision he was coming from Yau Ma Tei to Hongkong. Soon after shoving off from the wharf, and turning on his course, he saw the "Marlow" about 600 yards off, nearly right ahead. He overtook her, both launches going in the same direction. When his stern was level with her bows, bearing on her port side, she starboarded and ran into him.

His Worship found the master of the "Shun Lee" to blame and cancelled his certificate for one month.

## LATEST STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The N.Y.K. str. *Tama Maru* (European Line) left Shanghai for the 27th inst., and is expected here to-morrow a.m.

The E. & A. str. *Eastern* from Sydney, &c., arrived at Manila yesterday and leaves to-day for this port.

The P. & O. str. *Dreadnaut* left Singapore for this port on the 26th inst. at 8.30 a.m. with the outward English Mail, and is due here on the 31st instant at about 6 a.m.

The P. & O. str. *Palermo* left Singapore for this port on the 26th inst. a.m.

The N.Y.K. str. *Kagoshima Maru* (Bombay Line) left Moji for this port on the 27th inst., and is expected here on the 2nd prox.

The I.G.M. str. *Roon* left Kobe via Nagasaki and Shanghai on Sunday the 27th inst. p.m., and may be expected here on or about Tuesday the 5th prox.

The J.G.M. str. *Princess Alice*, carrying the German Mail with dates from Berlin of the 8th inst., left Colombo on Saturday the 26th inst. p.m., and may be expected here on or about Wednesday the 6th prox.

The P.M. str. *Siberia* sailed from Yokohama yesterday, and is due to arrive at this port on the 6th prox.

The I.G.M. str. *Kleist* which left here on Wednesday the 23rd inst. at noon, arrived at Singapore on Sunday the 27th inst. at 2 p.m.

The C.P.R. str. *Empress of India* arrived Nagasaki at 8 a.m. on Monday the 28th inst., and left again at 4 p.m. same day for Kobe where she is due to arrive at 4 p.m. to-day.

## HOME AND CHINA AFFAIRS.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

London, September 27th.

Mr. John Murray informs me that the book "A Soldier of the Legion" by the former Hongkong journalist, Mr. George Manington, will be published in three weeks' time. It is illustrated by M. Cozard, a French artist of Far Eastern experience, and maps lent by the French Government. Just now the work should have a topical interest for the French Foreign Legion in doing most of the work in Morocco and the description of the famous body of troops given by Mr. Manington should correct many misconceptions as to the members of it.

There was a big attendance at the Church of St. John's, Portmadr, South Wales on Wednesday when a Straits wedding took place, Mr. Douglas Orshan Campbell, British Resident at Nagasaki, marrying Miss Mary Alioda Georgina Spooner, only daughter of Mr. Charles Edwin Spooner, C.M.G., general manager of railways in the Malay Peninsula and Mrs. Spooner of Edudasburgh and Bonatasca, county Fernagh. The Rev. J. E. Williams officiated and the bride was given away by Mr. R. Casson in the absence of her father. Mr. Stewart McArthur, British Resident at Brunei, acted as best man. There were three bridesmaids, the Misses Stewart Hallaran, and Chance. The bride wore a white satin Empire coat over a skirt of chiffon and taffeta draped with Carrickmacross lace, while her ornaments included a diamond bracelet, the gift of the bridegroom, a diamond necklace, a present from her father and mother, a diamond half hoop ring from her brother, and a pair of diamond ear rings, the gift of Mrs. Rothes and Miss Spooner.

The Imperial Chinese edict appointing Wu Ting Fang to be again Chinese Minister in Washington, has aroused great interest both here and in America. It is a well-established fact in the minds of Americans that Wu recognises the salient points of the American character better than any Chinese official who has ever resided in the United States. A prominent American with whom I was talking the other day assures me that the return of this favourite will be signalled by an expression of the "Daily News" which can see no good in any agreement with Russia while there is oppression in Russia. What this agreement has to do with the internal conditions of Russia is taken by the "Daily News" to discover, but it does not pass on the knowledge to the world at large.

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Much space is being given just now in the European press to the subject of the reorganization of the Chinese Army. The "Pall Mall Gazette" and other papers have had articles pointing out the efforts that are being made to bring the Chinese army to a state of well organised efficiency. The achievements of the Japanese in the past forty years are recited as a proof that if the programme set out for the Chinese reorganisation is pursued indefinitely the future results of the new policy will have an immense influence not only in Asia but in all these great world questions which are gathering round the supreme problem of Yellow competition with the White man.

Other articles here and in France are headed with such titles as "Another yellow army" and show also the power which the Celestial Empire may become if her great resources in human material can be backed by financial support and guided by strong hands. In another matter than organisation China is copying Japan. Three Chinese have just joined the 4th Hussars in the French Army as troopers. Their names are Lee Tsiong, Taiy Tsai, and Taing Kone Yen, and they intend to start from the ranks and work their way upward, thereby learning thoroughly the work of a European army.

Chinese missions have also been the subject of much controversy. Lord William Cecil has contributed a series of exhaustive letters to the "Times" showing the magnitude of the task before the missionaries. Out of the letters quite a healthy correspondence column has developed, the conclusions of Lord William not being unanimously accepted, though even the critics of his remarks admit that his treatment of such subject as ancestor worship is more tactful than that of many missionaries.

"At the conclusion of a second letter, Lord William wrote:—The message, I think, the West should give to China, both by the mouth of missionaries and of statesmen, is that Western knowledge without Western ethics will only shoe the heel of tyranny with iron, and that those ethics are, as a matter of history, intimately connected and founded on the teaching of Christianity."

To this conclusion Mr. J. Carey Hall, the well known Consul General of Yokohama, takes strong exception, especially to the reference to statesmen. He contends that it is no part of the duties of a modern Government to propagate its own type of religion within the dominions of another civilized and independent state. To the missionary protection clause in the British Commercial Treaty with China of 1858 he attributes all the bloody and desolate

disturbances in China. "Bitter hostility has been engendered between Christian converts and their fellow citizens in consequence of the foreign protection which the former enjoy

through the semi-political status of their missionary pastors. And in the face of this deplorable record of failure, friction, and

disturbance, statesmen are gravely asked to repeat the blunder of delivering a propagandist message again." In contrast with the Chinese troubles Mr. Carey Hall points to the missionary work in Japan unaccompanied by bloodshed or friction, and asserts that the difference in favour of the situation in Japan is due to the fact that there was no missionary clause in the treaty with Japan. Even on the message to be delivered Mr. Hall has his doubts. Western ethics, he contends, are founded on the experience of mankind during the long ages that elapsed before Christianity or its progenitor, Judaism, came into existence. Christianity like Judaism, adopted them from its predecessors and clothed them in a vestment of theological doctrine which now drops away in rags. Moreover, Chinese scholars are by no means ignorant of the Christian system of ethics. They have studied it and compared it with our own, and have decisively rejected it as inferior.

As a moral type and teacher they consider Confucius superior to Christ." Finally Mr. Hall declares that the less statesmen help missionaries in China the better for both.

To this Mr. Ernest Box sends as refutation quotations from the speeches of Chinese and Japanese notables as to the good done by missionaries of the Christian religion. Mr. Hall resorts to these quotations merely to show the broadmindedness of the notables but do not disprove his earlier contentions. He complements Lord William Cecil for his sensible treatment of the cult of ancestors, on which matter the condemnation of tactless missionaries has caused much trouble. These interested in the missionary movement are waiting for the next volley in this epistolary exchange.

The Anglo-Russian Agreement in regard to Persia and the Middle East is received in Europe generally with expressions that leave a balance on the side of approval. Count von Bue low has announced his approval on behalf of Germany, and all round it looks as though the completion of the negotiations had resulted in a mighty advance towards peace. It is likely that questions affecting the Near East, next time they come up for discussion, will be more freely discussed by the Powers, for this Agreement has destroyed a good deal of cause for international distrust. The division of the Persian territory into spheres of commercial interest and the guaranteeing of the integrity of Persia is regarded as both fair and advisable, and the Foreign Office are less troubled now about friction arising in that part of the earth. The only criticism comes from an extreme Radical section, not too well advised, represented by the "Daily News" which can see no good in any agreement with Russia while there is oppression in Russia. What this agreement has to do with the internal conditions of Russia

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And you may see the game being played in the public parks day by day. It is odd how the rush has come, considering that the French have tried to introduce it here time and again with little success. I believe it was introduced into France at the beginning of the last century, by a missionary who had discovered it in China. It took hold of France at once, but failed to spread over the water till now.

In addition to diabolos, the sporting interest this week is centred on the new oval billiard table on which John Roberts, Weise and the other professionals are practising. At the National Sporting Club where John Roberts gave a fine exhibition of the game as played on the oval table the veteran player had a fine reception, and despite his years he showed his usual skill and indifference to the difficulties that cropped up. This new form of table, by the way, does away with the "crotle caunum," which was running up such perpetual scores that it became boring to follow the game.

I hear from Lancashire that the cotton men are much pleased with the activity of their trade with China. During the week extensive orders have been placed for Shanghai, and the prospects for more contracts are regarded as promising. The China market has been for some time overstocked, but the accumulations having been cleared off, Lancashire is looking for substantial benefits. I am informed too, that late the Lancashire manufacturers have paid greater attention to the Far Eastern market, and have adapted the make of their cloths more and more to the Chinese requirements.

There has been much amusement in the stock market among the old hands over the strenuous manner in which the manipulators of the shares of the Pahang Consolidated, which is a reconstruction of the Pahang Corporation and the Pahang-Kabang, have been seeking to interest the public in the concern. The news from the mine is good but by no means remarkable, and many experts consider the price of the shares now standing at 44/- as absurd. To explain the demand the operators declared that it was due to "The buying from Hongkong." And the old hands, seeing no proofs of it, have winked and smiled again.

Mr. E. P. Gueritz, Governor of British North Borneo, left this week via Canada to resume his duties at Sandakan after a holiday at home. In an interview on leaving he spoke in glowing terms of the prospects of the dependency in rubber, tobacco and minerals. The tobacco crop, he said, would this year be a record, rubber

was steadily extending its area of operations with most favourable prospects, and the mineral resources of the country were so promising that railway extensions were to be immediately proceeded with. On the coal resources especially the highest hopes were based and an export was about to make extensive borings on the west coast with the object of locating the richest

deposits. When this branch of the country's resources was fully developed it would revolutionise the cooling of vessels in the Far East.

The Union Jack Club for sailors and soldiers passing through London having proved such a great success, the organiser Major Haggard, has undertaken to organise a Veterans' Club for the use of ex-members of both services. He tells me that much influential support is already promised, and the success of the enterprise does not seem to be in any doubt.

An amusing item has just been brought to light in the public accounts for the expenses of the House of Commons (£20,000) is set down for "lamp oil," though there is electricity everywhere. Inquiry elicited the information that centuries ago it became the custom to supply snuff gratuitously to members of the House. The snuff box is kept at the entrance to the Chamber and members are free to help themselves. Some years ago objection was raised to the item being set down in its true terms so it was determined to continue the supply of snuff but to allow the charge to be shown as lamp oil.

The shipping world appears to be in a turmoil of schemes and competition. The Cunard and White Star companies have reduced their rates to meet the German competition, till it is now possible to travel to New York, also, even on the new *Lusitania* for £1.1, while on the other first-class boats it can be done for £10-10. The Garonne announces their intention of having a boat built at Belfast on the turbine principle that will eclipse even the *Lusitania* in speed and size, and the Canadian Pacific Railway project a service which takes one from England to Japan in nineteen and a half days, and a proportionately short passage to Hongkong and other parts of the Far East. It is in connection with the renewal of the contract of mails to the Far East that the improvement is projected, for the directors believe that an improved service will be made a condition of its continuance.

## SANCTITY OF SHANGHAI.

The sort of thing that Governor Swettenham objected to at Jambua is objected to at Shanghai, as is evident in the following extract from the Municipal Council's minutes:—

It is decided to accede to the Tao-ta's request for the return of the arms of nine native soldiers who were arrested within the Settlement on September 30. Directions are given that further cases of this description be met, in accordance with the practice hitherto obtaining, by the arrest and detention of offenders and their arraignment before the Mixed Court at the first opportunity.

October 8, 1907.  
Sir,—I have the honour to forward

transmission of a communication from the Tao-ta in connexion with a recent infraction to the regulations ruling the passing of Chinese troops under arms through the Settlement.

Those who have, likely through ignorance, committed this infraction seem to have already been punished enough with seizure of their arms, and we would suggest that the Tao-ta's request be now courteously acceded to.—I am, Sir, Your obedient servant,

D. SIFFERT,  
Consul-General for Belgium,  
and Senior Consul.

D. LANDALE, Eng.  
Chairman, Municipal Council.

Translation of the letter from the Tao-ta to the Senior Consul, dated October 14, 1907.

I have to inform you that the family of the newly-appointed Governor of Kiangsu passed through Shanghai on the 24th with eight soldiers, and eight rifles, and since they were unacquainted with the rules governing the Settlement of Shanghai, omitted to inform me of their arrival, so that I might let you know, and that you might give the necessary directions. This resulted in detention of the rifles by the Police, on their passage through the Settlement. I have thus to request that in consideration of the fact that they were unacquainted with the standing rules, you will direct the Municipal Council to return the rifles, and hope that you will favour me with a reply.

Council Room,  
Shanghai, October 17th, 1907.  
Sir,—I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of October 8th on the subject of the recent arrest of certain Chinese soldiers within the Settlement, and the detention of their arms at the Central Police Station.

In reply thereto I have the honour to state that the Council has consented, under the circumstances, to comply with the request of the Tao-ta for the restoration of the rifles in question, and has issued instructions accordingly.

At the same time, and in view of the repeated infringement of the rule governing armed Chinese within Settlement limits, I have the honour to suggest that a communication may be addressed to the Provincial Authorities in this matter, asking that careful and stringent instructions may be issued throughout the province as to the status of the Foreign Settlement in this respect.—I have the honour to be, Sir, Your obedient servant,

DAVID LANDALE,  
Chairman.

D. SIFFERT Eng.,  
Consul-General for Belgium,  
and Senior Consul.

WEATHER REPORT.

On the 27th at 4.45 p.m.—Orders issued to hoist the Red Cone point downwards. (Indicates a typhoon south of Colony beyond 300 miles.)

On the 28th at 11.55 a.m.—The barometer has fallen considerably over Tongking and N. Annam, and a slight fall has taken place also on the China coast.

The typhoon appears to be situated between the Paracel and Hainan, and is to move towards the Southern entrance to the Gulf of Tonkin.

Pressure is high over China to the N. of the Upper Yangtze, and over S.E. Japan. It is not apparent over Manchuria.

Fresh N.E. winds may be expected over the N.W. part of the China Sea.

Hongkong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.76 inches.

The forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon to-day is as follows:—

Hongkong & Neighbourhood (N.E. winds, Formosa Channel). Fresh

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F. H. MAY,  
Colonial Secretary.  
Hongkong, 29th October, 1907.

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G. de CHAMPEAUX, Agent. Hongkong, 28th October, 1907.

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CARLOWITZ &amp; Co. Agents. Hongkong, 13th August 1906. 29

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11.15-11.30... Local, theatrical and sporting news.

11.30-11.45... Vienna exchange news.

11.45-12.00... Parliamentary, provincial, and foreign news.

12.00 noon... Exact astronomical time.

12.00-12.30... Latest general news, parliamentary, court, political, and military.

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1.00-2.00... Repetition of the half-day's most interesting news.

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2.30-3.00... Parliamentary and local news.

3.00-3.15... Latest exchange reports.

3.15-4.00... Weather, parliamentary, legal, theatrical, fashion and sporting news.

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7.00-8.15... Opera.

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Decrees in the name of the Empress Dowager stating that the Throne is ever most anxious to attract to the public service men of talent and ability, and has always given of its way to obtain such men, regardless of rank or standing. The officials in Peking, namely, Grand Secretaries, Presidents and Vice-Presidents of all the Ministries and of the Censorate, and Viceroys, Governors, Treasurers, Judges, and Superintendents of Education in the provinces, are granted the privilege of recommending to the Throne men whom they consider to possess ability and talent. Each year so doing shall recommend at most five men and at least one; six months being given for making the recommendations. No man can be perfect in every detail and the Emperor only desires to make use of the man who has special talents, for a man may be good in one thing, but weak in others. After all the men that have been recommended to the Throne have arrived in Peking and reported themselves, the Ministry of Civil Appointments shall ask the Throne to appoint liberal-minded and impartial officers of high rank to examine these nominees and find out the special talents of each one and report them to the Throne. These nominees will then wait for a special audience, when they will be specially given posts according to their talents and without regard to their present rank or standing.

If these nominees prove by their conduct to be men of real talents and abilities, indeed, then their sponsor, or recommends will receive the commendation of the Throne, while those who have not recommended any one or have recommended nominees who prove worthless, will be punished. This, it is hoped, will prevent reckless recommendations, favoritism and nepotism.

Another decree in the name of the Empress Dowager stating that as an Imperial assembly for the study of Government affairs has been established in Peking it is also necessary that similar institutions shall be established in the provincial capitals by the Viceroys and Governors concerned, who shall select officials and gentry of probity and enlightenment to start these provincial assemblies. The members are to be selected from among gentry and people of the provinces fitted by integrity, character and ability for the purpose. No dishonest men or worthless characters shall be elected to such assemblies. Their duty will be to confer and advise the officials about the abolition of all worthless institutions and the starting of necessary works for the public welfare, and to assist the officials to put them into force. Matters of high importance must first be referred by the officials concerned to the Throne for approval. Finally, in future members of the Imperial assembly in Peking are to be selected from among those of the provincial assemblies. If the Imperial assembly needs information or advice on public questions recourse may be had to the provincial assemblies by application through the Viceroys and Governors of provinces. Besides the assemblies in the provincial capitals each prefecture, sub-prefecture and district shall also start its local assembly or council, and this work is to be arranged and started at the same time as the provincial assemblies and on the same basis of procedure.

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## SHIPPING.

## ARRIVALS.

IDOMENOUS, British str., 4,256, H. Nish, 28th October—Shanghai 24th Oct., General Butterfield & Swire.  
KUMANO MARU, Japanese str., 5,476, Neil Matheson, 28th Oct.—Australia via Manila 26th Oct.—Lead, Copper and Flour—Nippon Yusen Kaisha.  
PRINZ LUDWIG, German str., 5,875, von Binsen, 28th October—Singapore 24th Oct., Mails and General—Mellchers & Co.  
SAHONING, British str., 25th Oct.—Canton-TONKIN, French str., 3,084, Charbonnel, 28th October—Marseilles 20th Sept., Mails and General—Messageries Maritimes.  
YARRE, French str., 2,514, H. Sellié, 28th Oct.—Yokohama 19th Oct., General—Messageries Maritimes.  
YUENSANG, British str., 1,128, Rolfe, 28th October—Manila 25th October, General—Jardine, Matheson & Co.  
ZAFIRO, British str., 1,614, A. Fraser, 28th October—Manila 25th October, Hemp and Tobacco—Shewan, Tomes & Co.

## CLEARANCES

AT THE HARBOUR MASTER'S OFFICE.  
28th October.  
Dayang, Norwegian str., for Newchwang.  
Haiman, British str., for Swatow.  
Tonkin, French str., for Shanghai.  
Yarra, French str., for Europe, &c.

## DEPARTURES.

28th October.  
INDIAN, Danish str., for Saigon.  
KING ALFRED, British cruiser, for Mirs Bay.  
KOWLOON, German str., for Nagasaki.  
ONSANG, British str., for Singapore.  
PERSIA, Austrian str., for Singapore.  
VORWAERTS, German str., for K. C. Wan.

SHIPPING REPORTS.  
The British str. Zafiro reports: Moderate to strong N.E. wind, equally weather throughout.

## VESSELS IN DOCK.

October 28th:  
ABERDEEN DOCKS—  
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Hongkong, 21st October, 1907. 1

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## NOTICES.

1. From Green Island to the Harbour Master's. 2. From Harbour Master's to Blake Pier. 3. From Blake Pier to Naval Yard. 4. From Naval Yard to East Point.

DESTINATION	VESSEL'S NAMES	FLAG & Rig	BERTH	CAPTAIN	FOR FREIGHT APPLY TO	TO BE DESPATCHED
LONDON &c., VIA USUAL PORTS OF CALL	DELHI	Brit. str.	—	J. D. Andrews, R.N.E.	P. & O. S. N. Co.	On 2nd Nov., at Noon.
LONDON & ANTWERP, VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	BORNEO	Brit. str.	—	G. W. Gordon	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About 6th November.
MARSEILLES, &c., VIA PORTS OF CALL	YARRA	Frenstr.	—	Sellier	MESSEGERIES MARITIMES.	To-day at 1 P.M.
MARSEILLES, HAVRE & COPENHAGEN	CANTON	Swed. str.	—	—	MELCHERS & CO.	End of November.
HAVRE & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	ROHENSTAUFEN	Ger. str.	—	Jinger	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE.	To-morrow.
NAPLES, GENOVA, ALGIERS, GIBRALTAR, &c.	SILESIA	Ger. str.	—	Bable	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE.	On 11th December.
KIEW	HOON	Rus. str.	—	G. Meiners	MELCHERS & CO.	On 6th Nov., at Noon.
OCEAN MONARCH	SCUTCHFIELD	Amer. str.	—	—	MELCHERS & CO.	Quick despatch.
MONTEAGLE	PRINZ ALBERT	Brit. str.	—	Anderson	STANDARD OIL CO.	On 2nd November.
EMPEROR OF JAPAN	PRINZ ALBERT	Brit. str.	—	E. V. Roberts	CANADIAN PACIFIC R. CO.	About 1st December.
SHAWMUT	PRINZ ALBERT	Amer. str.	—	—	DODWELL & CO., LTD.	On 6th Nov., at 4 P.M.
KATHERINE PAKE	PRINZ ALBERT	Brit. str.	—	—	TOYO KISEN KAISHA	On 13th November.
TAIWAN	PRINZ ALBERT	Brit. str.	—	—	TOYO KISEN KAISHA	End of November.
PRINZ ALBERT	PRINZ ALBERT	Brit. str.	—	I. Dawson	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	To-morrow, at 4 P.M.
PRINZ ALBERT	PRINZ ALBERT	Brit. str.	—	W. von Bauden	MELCHERS & CO.	On 7th Nov., at Noon.
TSINAN	PRINZ ALBERT	Brit. str.	—	C. Lindbergh	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 25th Nov., at 4 P.M.
TSJILWONG	PRINZ ALBERT	Brit. str.	—	D. Lenz	MELCHERS & CO.	About 15th November.
TSJILWONG	PRINZ ALBERT	Brit. str.	—	G. Hooker	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 13th Nov., at 4 P.M.
TSJILWONG	PRINZ ALBERT	Brit. str.	—	Charbonnel	MELCHERS & CO.	To-day, at 7 A.M.
TSJILWONG	PRINZ ALBERT	Brit. str.	—	L. D. Northcombe	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	To-day, at 4 P.M.
TSJILWONG	PRINZ ALBERT	Brit. str.	—	C. Binsen	MELCHERS & CO.	About 29th inst.
TSJILWONG	PRINZ ALBERT	Brit. str.	—	M. Nemoto	OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA	On 2nd November.
TSJILWONG	PRINZ ALBERT	Brit. str.	—	W. F. Richard	OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA	On 31st inst., at 9 A.M.
TSJILWONG	PRINZ ALBERT	Brit. str.	—	T. H. Hide, R.N.E.	OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA	On 31st inst., at 4 P.M.
TSJILWONG	PRINZ ALBERT	Brit. str.	—	A. E. Sandbach	JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.	About 1st November.
TSJILWONG	PRINZ ALBERT	Brit. str.	—	Bahle	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE.	On 1st Nov., at 4 P.M.
TSJILWONG	PRINZ ALBERT	Brit. str.	—	E. G. Andrews	P. & O. S. N. CO.	On 2nd November.
TSJILWONG	PRINZ ALBERT	Brit. str.	—	P. H. Rolfe	JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.	About 2nd November.
TSJILWONG	PRINZ ALBERT	Brit. str.	—	D. C. Gregor, R.N.E.	P. & O. S. N. CO.	On 8th Nov., at 3 P.M.
TSJILWONG	PRINZ ALBERT	Brit. str.	—	—	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE.	About 10th November.
TSJILWONG	PRINZ ALBERT	Brit. str.	—	—	—	On 20th November.
TSJILWONG	PRINZ ALBERT	Brit. str.	—	—	—	Middle of November.
TSJILWONG	PRINZ ALBERT	Brit. str.	—	—	—	To-morrow, at Daylight
TSJILWONG	PRINZ ALBERT	Brit. str.	—	—	—	On 3rd Nov., at 9 A.M.
TSJILWONG	PRINZ ALBERT	Brit. str.	—	—	—	To-day, at 9 A.M.
TSJILWONG	PRINZ ALBERT	Brit. str.	—	—	—	To-morrow, at 4 P.M.
TSJILWONG	PRINZ ALBERT	Brit. str.	—	—	—	On 2nd Nov., at 4 P.M.
TSJILWONG	PRINZ ALBERT	Brit. str.	—	—	—	On 5th Nov., at 4 P.M.
TSJILWONG	PRINZ ALBERT	Brit. str.	—	—	—	On 6th Nov., at 4 P.M.
TSJILWONG	PRINZ ALBERT	Brit. str.	—	—	—	On 6th Nov., at 4 P.M.
TSJILWONG	PRINZ ALBERT	Brit. str.	—	—	—	On 1st Nov., at Daylight
TSJILWONG	PRINZ ALBERT	Brit. str.	—	—	—	To-day, at 9 A.M.
TSJILWONG	PRINZ ALBERT	Brit. str.	—	—	—	To-morrow, at 4 P.M.
TSJILWONG	PRINZ ALBERT	Brit. str.	—	—	—	On 1st Nov., at 4 P.M.
TSJILWONG	PRINZ ALBERT	Brit. str.	—	—	—	On 2nd November.
TSJILWONG	PRINZ ALBERT	Brit. str.	—	—	—	To-morrow, at 4 P.M.
TSJILWONG	PRINZ ALBERT	Brit. str.	—	—	—	On 3rd November.
TSJILWONG	PRINZ ALBERT	Brit. str.	—	—	—	To-morrow, at 4 P.M.
TSJILWONG	PRINZ ALBERT	Brit. str.	—	—	—	On 4th November.
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TSJILWONG	PRINZ ALBERT	Brit. str.	—	—	—	On 5th November.
TSJILWONG	PRINZ ALBERT	Brit. str.	—	—	—	To-morrow, at 4 P.M.
TSJILWONG	PRINZ ALBERT	Brit. str.	—	—	—	On 6th November.
TSJILWONG	PRINZ ALBERT	Brit. str.	—	—	—	To-morrow, at 4 P.M.
TSJILWONG	PRINZ ALBERT	Brit. str.	—	—	—	On 7th November.
TSJILWONG	PRINZ ALBERT	Brit. str.	—	—	—	To-morrow, at 4 P.M.
TSJILWONG	PRINZ ALBERT	Brit. str.	—	—	—	On 8th November.
TSJILWONG	PRINZ ALBERT	Brit. str.	—	—	—	To-morrow, at 4 P.M.
TSJILWONG	PRINZ ALBERT	Brit. str.	—	—	—	On 9th November.
TSJILWONG	PRINZ ALBERT	Brit. str.	—	—	—	To-morrow, at 4 P.M.
TSJILWONG	PRINZ ALBERT	Brit. str.	—	—	—	On 10th November.
TSJILWONG	PRINZ ALBERT	Brit. str.	—	—	—	Beginning of November.
TSJILWONG	PRINZ ALBERT	Brit. str.	—			



## POST OFFICE NOTICE

## CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR PARCEL MAILS, HOMEWARD.

Parcels for the United Kingdom—VIA GIBRALTAR—posted up to 5 p.m. on Friday, the 1st November, are due in London about the 7th of December, and those posted up to 5 p.m. on Friday the 15th November, are due in London on the 21st December.

With an additional fee of 60 cents, parcels may be forwarded VIA BRINDISI and if posted before 5 p.m. on the 15th November, would accompany the letter mail due in London on the 16th December.

Parcels intended for New Year's delivery should also be forwarded by the mail of the 15th November, as the next parcel mail of the 29th November is not due in London till the 4th January, 1908, unless they are posted to be forwarded overland VIA BRINDISI in which case an additional fee of 60 cents must be paid, such parcels are due in London about the 3rd December.

The rates of postage on ordinary parcels are as follows:

For a parcel not exceeding 3 lbs. in weight	60 cents.
" " " 11 lbs.	.. \$1.30
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Under no circumstances will parcel weighing over 11 lbs. be forwarded.

All parcels containing jewellery or any article of gold or silver must be insured. All insured parcels must be sealed. The seals must bear the impression of a device or private mark. Coins must not be used for sealing purposes.

International Reply Coupons may be exchanged with the following Countries:

Gibraltar, Kasai (Japanese Service), Manchuria (Japanese Post Offices), Norway, and the Norwegian Post Offices in Spitzbergen.

The American Mail, with the American mail, left Shanghai and is due to arrive at this port-to-morrow, at 9 a.m.

The Deutsche, with the English mail of the 4th October, left Singapore on Saturday, the 26th inst., at 8.30 a.m., and may be expected here on or about Thursday, the 31st inst., at 8 a.m. This packet brings replies to letters despatched from Hongkong on the 3rd Sept., and the parcel-mail closed in London for despatch by the all-sea route on the 25th September, and for despatch overland on the 2nd October.

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## DATE.

Dagupan	Tuesday, 29th, 9.00 A.M.
Hainan	Tuesday, 29th, 10.00 A.M.
Tuesday, 29th,	
Printed Matter and Samples	10.00 A.M.
Registration, with late fee of 10 cents, up to 10.45 A.M.)	10.00 A.M.
Registration, Kowlo. B.O., 10.00 A.M.	No late fee.
Letters	11.00 A.M.
Tuesday, 29th, 1.15 P.M.	
Taipa	Tuesday, 29th, 3.00 P.M.
Shaoxing	Tuesday, 29th, 3.00 P.M.
Fukusho Maru	Tuesday, 29th, 5.00 P.M.
Hongbee	Tuesday, 29th, 5.00 P.M.
Signal	Wednesday, 30th, 1.15 P.M.
Sui Tai	Wednesday, 30th, 3.00 P.M.
Sungkiang	Wednesday, 30th, 3.00 P.M.
Tarpon	Wednesday, 30th, 3.00 P.M.
Nanchang	Wednesday, 31st, 3.00 P.M.
Shantou Moru	Thursday, 31st, 8.00 A.M.
Kumano Maru	Thursday, 31st, 11.15 A.M.
Sui Tai	Thursday, 31st, 1.15 P.M.
Washing	Thursday, 31st, 3.00 P.M.
Tambo Maru	Thursday, 31st, 5.00 P.M.
Stingan	Thursday, 31st, 5.00 P.M.
Homogeneous	Thursday, 31st, 5.00 P.M.
Haiching	Friday, 1st, 8.00 A.M.
Nikko Maru	Friday, 1st, 10.00 A.M.
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## TO-DAY.

Bandsmen Opera Co., City Hall, 9 p.m.

## TO-MORROW.

Sale, Household Furniture, Sales-Rooms, Messrs. Hughes & Hough, 11 A.M.

## VESSELS EXPECTED.

## THE INDIAN MAIL.

The Apur str. Lightning from Calcutta left Singapore on 23rd inst. afternoon, and may be expected here to-day.

The Apur str. Arvalon Apur from Yokohama and Kobe left Moji on 24th inst. p.m., and may be expected here to-day.

The Indo-China str. Nansung left Calcutta for this port via the Straits on 20th inst., and may be expected here on or about 5th prox.

## THE AMERICAN MAIL.

The T.K.K. str. America Maru sailed from Shanghai, and is due to arrive at this port to-morrow at 9 a.m.

## MERCHANT STEAMERS.

The German str. Ellen Rickmers left Moji on 23rd inst. for this port, and is due to arrive here to-day.

The T.K.K. str. Nipko Maru (Australian Line) left Nagasaki for this port on the 25th inst., and is expected here to-day.

The H.A.L. str. Hohenstaufen left Shanghai via Foochow on 28th inst. a.m., and may be expected here to-morrow a.m.

The Swedish str. Condon left Port Said on Sunday the 6th inst., and may be expected here to-morrow.

The N.Y.K. str. Kanayama Maru (European Line) left Singapore for this port on the 25th inst., and is expected here on the 31st inst.

The J.-C.J. Lijn str. Tippar left Macassar for this port on the 22nd inst., and may be expected here on or about the 1st prox.

The N.Y.K. str. Shirane Maru (Australian Line) left Kobe for this port via Moji and Shanghai on the 25th inst., and is expected here on the 3rd prox.

The N.Y.K. str. Yaboshi Maru (Bombay Line) left Bombay for this port via Colombo and Singapore on the 17th inst., and is expected here on the 6th prox.

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## JOINT STOCK SHARE.

Hongkong, October 18th.

COMPANY.	Paid Up.	Quotations.
Alahbra	Rs. 200	Nominal.
Banks—		
Hongkong & Sh'hai	\$125	\$66, sellers \$60, sellers
	\$25	1m. 475. 1m. 474.10.
National B. of China	10	51.
Toll's Asbestos F. A.	125	51.
China-Borneo Co.	12	51, buyers
China Light & P. Co.	10	51, buyers
China Provident	10	51, buyers
Cotton Mills—		
Ewo	15	1m. 51.
Hongkong	110	1m. 101, sellers
International	75	1m. 51.
Laon Kung Mow	100	1m. 90.
Soochow	100	1m. 250.
Dairy Farm	36	1m. 75, sellers
Docks and Wharves—		
H. & W. Wharf & G.	50	567, sellers
H. & W. Dock	50	512.
New Amoy Dock	50	511, sellers
Shanghai Dock	100	1m. 74.
Sh'hai & W. Wharf	100	1m. 16.
Fenwick & Co., Geo.	25	51, sellers
Green Island Com.	10	511, sellers
Hongkong & C. Gas.	20	516, buyers
Hongkong Electric	10	514, buyers
Hongkong Hotel Co.	50	510, buyers
Hongkong Ice Co.	25	524.
Hongkong Kpo Co.	10	525, buyers
Insurances—		
Canton	250	525, x.d.
China Fire	20	556, buyers
China Traders	25	556, buyers
Hongkong Fire	50	581, buyers
North China	25	574.
Union	100	575.
Yangtze	60	5170, sellers
Land and Building—		
Hongkong Land Inv.	100	596.
Humphrey's Estate	10	510.
Kowloon Land & H.	100	556, sellers
Shanghai Land	50	510.
West Point Building	50	548.
Mining—		
Charbonnages	250	570, buyers
Raubs	10	519.
Peak Tramways	10	512, buyers
Philippine Co.	10	512, (new) buy.
Refineries—		
China Sugar	100	5104, sellers
Luzon Sugar	100	521, (new) buy.
Shamash Compagnie	25	516, buyers
China and Manch.	25	517.
Douglas Steamship	50	517.
H. & Canton & M.	15	518.
Indo-China S.N. Co.	25	514, Preffl. sel.
Shell Transport Co.	21	529, Deffl. sel.
Star Ferry	10	521, buyers
Do, Now	5	511, buyers
South China M. Post.	25	522, sellers
Steam Laundry Co.	5	506, sellers
Stores & Dispensaries		
Campbell, M. & Co.	10	520, sellers
Powell & Co., Wm.	10	503.
Watkins	10	524.
Watson & Co., A. S.	10	511.
United Alastors	8	54.
Do, Founders	10	5160, buyers
Union Water-tight Co.	10	512, sellers

## COMMERCIAL.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

October 28th.

ON LONDON.—	





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